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Freudenthal to receive National Guard award

CHEYENNE – Gov. Dave Freudenthal is one of four individuals being awarded Saturday night at the Hitching Post Inn during the annual Wyoming National Guard Governor's Reception.

Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming's adjutant general, will present Gov. Freudenthal the National Guard Association of the United States Charles Dick Medal of Merit and the Wyoming National Guard Association Medal of Excellence.

"During his watch, the Wyoming National Guard has been the recipient of many beneficial initiatives the governor has enthusiastically supported, including the Wyoming Military Assistance Trust Fund which assists families of qualified Wyoming military members in times of need. He also has attended the majority of deployments and homecomings for our deployed Guardsmen no matter the time of day. Future generations of all military families in Wyoming will be the benefactors of the hard work and dedication of Gov. Freudenthal," said Wright.

Wyoming State Sen. Tex Boggs and State Rep. Pete Illoway will be presented the National Guard Association of the United States Patrick Henry Award and the Wyoming National Guard Association Medal of Excellence.

Boggs is being recognized for championing the important causes of Wyoming's Citizen Soldiers in the corridors and chambers of our local and state governments.

Illoway is being recognized for his dedication and persistence to what is necessary and right for Wyoming's Citizen Soldiers.

Senior Master Sgt. Russell Pollard, of the Wyoming Air National Guard's 153rd Security Forces Squadron, will be awarded the Heroes Among Us Award for heroic actions performed in a non-duty status outside of normal military duties.

Pollard is being recognized for his selfless response to render first aid to a motorcyclist injured in a head-on collision in April. According to the letter of commendation Pollard received from the Cheyenne Police Department, the initial first aid he provided was the key in saving the victim's life.